

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The office action mailed December 29, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive to that office action. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

#### **Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 1-20 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending Application No. 10/442,487, filed May 21, 2003.

The Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer concurrent with this Response. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes there is no fee associated with the filing of this response, however, should there be a fee due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

Dated: March 29, 2007

By:           /William J. Klein/          

William J. Klein  
Registration No. 43,719

10 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 3000  
Chicago, IL 60606  
Tel: (312) 463-5000  
Fax: (312) 463-5001